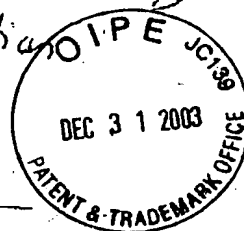




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In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the defined policy also includes adding forensic information to documents. This can be achieved by altering parts of the information object in a manner that is preferably
5 substantially imperceptible, as described in PCT application number IL02/00464, filed June 16th, 2002, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the method includes avoiding the security risks posed by the shared clipboard resource, by
10 transparently avoiding the use of the clipboard (i.e. blocking access to it from inside the application), and storing the information copied into the clipboard in an internal data structure (i.e. an internal, private clipboard) inaccessible to other applications.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the system utilizes
15 methods that facilitate automatic installation and up-dates of clients, utilizing e.g., anti-virus installation or up-date infrastructure.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, at least part of the software code of the client resides in an encrypted form.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the code is
20 attached to the computer, e.g., by identifying the ID number of the CPU and use this number as a part of a cryptographic license.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the system is operable to automatically add headers, footers disclaimers etc. to each document, in accordance with a pre-defined policy.

25 In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the client-side software is operable to open the document only while connected to one or more. While connected, the server enforces a certain policy with respect to the document. The policy implies a set of restrictions regarding the usage of the the document. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, more than
30 one server is operable to define the policy. In cases where there is a conflict between the policies, the strictest policy applies. In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, connection to more than one server is required in order to define a policy. This can be achieved, e.g., by splitting the required information between the servers. Fig. 8 illustrates a system, similar to